

Cold weather and snowfall in the north and northwest may have driven the birds down. It would be interesting to learn whether they were observed south of Chicago.—RALPH W. CHANEY, *Chicago, Ill.*

Winter Migration at Night.—A remarkable flight of birds, which I believe were Lapland Longspurs, occurred on the night of December 13, 1909. Thousands of birds passed southward during the snow-storm, their voices coming from above, as we hear them during the spring migrations. They were first heard about dark, and through the evening until ten o'clock, when I retired. They passed over steadily, their notes being heard from the sky from every direction. This is the first time I have ever heard of such an occurrence in winter.—HENRY K. COALE, *Highland Park, Ill.*

The Seaside Sparrow on Cape Cod, Massachusetts, in Winter.—On December 29, 1909, while duck shooting in the salt marshes at Barnstable, Mass., I secured two specimens of the Seaside Sparrow (*Ammodramus maritimus*). The birds were found in the tall thatch bordering a large creek about three hundred yards from Sandy Neck. They were the only birds of the species seen during four days spent in the marshes. One proved to be a male, the other a female.

Howe and Allen's 'Birds of Massachusetts' records the capture of one Seaside Sparrow in the Barnstable marshes on February 9, 1898, by Messrs. H. B. Bigelow and G. C. Shattuck, and of another, a male, on February 9, 1901, by Mr. Howe. No later records have come to my notice, so apparently mine is the third winter record of this species in Massachusetts and would suggest that the bird is perhaps not such an irregular straggler there in winter.—ALFRED C. REDFIELD, *Wayne, Pa.*

Further Notes on the Lark Sparrow in Southwestern Pennsylvania.—During the latter part of August, 1909, while driving along a road near Leetsdale, Pa., I saw four Lark Sparrows (*Chondestes grammacus*) at precisely the same spot at which I collected my first specimen in June, 1908.¹ I had no time to look for more of the birds, but they undoubtedly breed in this locality, and this spring I mean to investigate more thoroughly as regards this bird's presence in a region so far from his usual range.—WM. G. PITCAIRN, *Allegheny, Pa.*

A Chipping Sparrow in late December at Boston, Mass.—On December 21, 1909, close to the shore of Chestnut Hill Reservoir within the limits of the city I found a brightly plumaged Chipping Sparrow (*Spizella passerina*) picking busily and happily on the grass about some evergreens at midday. The temperature was at the frost point, but no snowfalls to remain had occurred up to that time. There had been several mornings of tempera-

¹ See Auk, Vol. XXV, 1908, p. 476.